



# ~ Thought For The Day ~

~gathering from the 4 winds~

“come just as you are”

Refresh, Restore, Rebuild = Healing



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## Prayer

God Father; in Jesus' name I ask it, thank You, God, that You are effectually at work in us to will and to work for Your good pleasure, satisfaction, and delight. We are for Your glory and may we always give You the glory and honor. Lord refresh us a new with Your Holy Spirit, rekindle us. Fill each of us what needs to change and help us to follow through and do it. Lord if what You have called us to do, if You are moving us to new change to a new beginning or refreshing our calling fill us with the thought to embrace the chance, for it is always Your will and plans not ours. I ask that each person and family is blessed, supply all their needs and bless each with their daily bread to nourish their bodies. I ask it in Jesus' name. Amen

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## Scripture **Philippians 2 (KJV; 2005)**

### Philippians 2:1-30 (KJV)

- <sup>1</sup>If *there be* therefore any consolation in Christ, if any comfort of love, if any fellowship of the Spirit, if any bowels and mercies,
- <sup>2</sup>Fulfill ye my joy, that ye be like minded, having the same love, *being* of one accord, of one mind.
- <sup>3</sup>Let nothing *be done* through strife or vain glory; but in lowliness of mind let each esteem other better than themselves.
- <sup>4</sup>Look not every man on his own things, but every man also on the things of others.
- <sup>5</sup>Let this mind be in you, which was also in Christ Jesus:
- <sup>6</sup>Who, being in the form of God, thought it not robbery to be equal with God:
- <sup>7</sup>But made himself of no reputation, and took upon him the form of a servant, and was made in the likeness of men:
- <sup>8</sup>And being found in fashion as a man, he humbled himself, and became obedient unto death, even the death of the cross.
- <sup>9</sup>Wherefore God also hath highly exalted him, and given him a name which is above every name:
- <sup>10</sup>That at the name of Jesus every knee should bow, of *things* in heaven, and *things* in earth, and *things* under the earth;
- <sup>11</sup>And *that* every tongue should confess that Jesus Christ *is* Lord, to the glory of God the Father.
- <sup>12</sup>Wherefore, my beloved, as ye have always obeyed, not as in my presence only, but now much more in my absence, work out your own salvation with fear and trembling.
- <sup>13</sup>For it is God which worketh in you both to will and to do of *his* good pleasure.
- <sup>14</sup>Do all things without murmurings and disputings:
- <sup>15</sup>That ye may be blameless and harmless, the sons of God, without rebuke, in the midst of a crooked and perverse nation, among whom ye shine as lights in the world;
- <sup>16</sup>Holding forth the word of life; that I may rejoice in the day of Christ, that I have not run in vain, neither laboured in vain.
- <sup>17</sup>Yea, and if I be offered upon the sacrifice and service of your faith, I joy, and rejoice with you all.
- <sup>18</sup>For the same cause also do ye joy, and rejoice with me.
- <sup>19</sup>But I trust in the Lord Jesus to send Timotheus shortly unto you, that I also may be of good comfort, when I know your state.
- <sup>20</sup>For I have no man like minded, who will naturally care for your state.
- <sup>21</sup>For all seek their own, not the things which are Jesus Christ's.

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<sup>22</sup> But ye know the proof of him, that, as a son with the father, he hath served with me in the gospel.

<sup>23</sup> Him therefore I hope to send presently, so soon as I shall see how it will go with me.

<sup>24</sup> But I trust in the Lord that I also myself shall come shortly.

<sup>25</sup> Yet I supposed it necessary to send to you Epaphroditus, my brother, and companion in labour, and fellowsoldier, but your messenger, and he that ministered to my wants.

<sup>26</sup> For he longed after you all, and was full of heaviness, because that ye had heard that he had been sick.

<sup>27</sup> For indeed he was sick nigh unto death: but God had mercy on him; and not on him only, but on me also, lest I should have sorrow upon sorrow.

<sup>28</sup> I sent him therefore the more carefully, that, when ye see him again, ye may rejoice, and that I may be the less sorrowful.

<sup>29</sup> Receive him therefore in the Lord with all gladness; and hold such in reputation:

<sup>30</sup> Because for the work of Christ he was nigh unto death, not regarding his life, to supply your lack of service toward me.



The Humility Of Christ; An example of humility (vv. 1-11). There is less rebuke in this letter than in most of the other New Testament letters. But we wonder, judging from the context of this charming exhortation to humility, whether perhaps Epaphroditus had brought Paul hints that there were seeds of divisiveness in the pride of certain Philippian leaders, perhaps specifically Euodia and Syntyche (4:2).

Something to be grasped (v. 6), to be held on to. The humility and suffering of Christ are often set over against His exaltation and glory, as in vv. 8-11. (See Hebrews 2:9-10; 1 Peter 1:11)

Paul's joy in the day of Christ (vv. 12-18). Paul conceived of earthly friendships as continuing on into eternity. He expected his happiness to come to a rapturous climax when he would greet his beloved friends in the kingdom, at the feet of Jesus, and they would be his own offering to the Lord, saved forever, because he himself had brought them to Jesus (v. 16).

His plan to return to Philippi (vv. 19-30). This reads as if he were expecting his trial to come to a speedy end, especially in v. 24. There is no hint here of going on to Spain, as he had planned originally (Romans 15:24). His long imprisonment seems to have changed his plans. The commonly held view is that he was acquitted and did revisit Philippi and other churches in the East (1 Timothy 1:3), but was arrested again some five years later, brought back to Rome, and executed. (Halley's Bible Handbook; 2000; history, notes, commentaries; pages 813-814)

In Paul's day people believed that the deepest emotions were felt in the pit of the stomach or bowel area. Today, we call it a "gut feeling." "Being" means to be constantly established in a position. Christ is God and always has been God. "Robbery" means something to be grasped. When Jesus made Himself of no reputation, He divested Himself of His heavenly glory. He emptied Himself as a pitcher turned upside down until the last drop drained out (John 17:5, 14; 2 Corinthians 8:9). Jesus took on the position of a servant when He assumed the body of flesh. He did this of His own volition and chose to submit Himself to the Father (John 6:38; 14:28; Hebrews 2:9; Matthew 26:39; 1 Timothy 3:16). Jesus was willing to abase Himself and to die a humble death on the Cross (Matthew 23:12; Luke 14:11). In the Greek manuscripts these two verses are one verse vv. 12-13. God does all the work in us, giving us the will to do what He wants us to do. Caesar was so capricious that Paul had no idea whether he'd sentence him to death or release him. Paul was released and did visit Philippi.

(New Testament Study Guide; 2005; Chuck Smith; notes and commentaries; page 116)

Inspired by the Holy Spirit, the apostle Paul tells us in Philippians 2:3, 4 how to avoid strife through the true spirit of humility by regarding others as "better than and superior" to ourselves. That is a difficult challenge because our flesh wants to shout, "But what about me?"

Yet, this passage clearly exhorts us to be of the same humble mind that Jesus displayed: to think of others as better than ourselves, to be more concerned for their interests and welfare than for our own, and to do nothing from conceit or empty arrogance. If we are obedient to this instruction, if we humble ourselves and are willing to serve others, we will live in harmony and therefore be pleasing to God.

Jesus set the example for obedience, as we see in Philippians 2:5-8. I want to encourage you to come up to a higher level of obedience. Be quick and prompt to obey, radical and extreme in your obedience.

Do you ever wonder if your life as a Christian makes a difference to those around you? The Bible teaches that it certainly does! In Philippians 2:14, 15, Paul says that just as stars brightly shine against the dark of night, so our lives as Christians shine like light in the spiritual darkness of the world. Ask God to help you shine brightly with His love and joy to those around you.

In **Philippians 2:25-30** we find a man named Epaphroditus who was sick due to overwork in the ministry. He was emotionally distressed and homesick. He probably was a way from home a long time and possibly lonely. He became so ill that he almost died. But the apostle Paul tells us God had compassion on him and spared his life. In this passage, Paul writes to the Philippians to tell them he was sending Epaphroditus home to rest and recuperate.

I find it interesting that though God healed this man, he still needed time off to rest.

This same principle is evident in the story of Jesus' raising of a young girl from death. In the eighth chapter of Luke, we read that a Jewish religious leader named Jairus approached Jesus asking Him to come to his house and heal his twelve-year-old daughter who was dying. By the time they got to Jairus' home, the girl had already died. But Jesus raised her from the dead. As soon as she got up from her bed, the first thing Jesus told her parents was to give her something to eat (see **Luke 8:55**).

From those two stories I received the understanding that there is a spiritual side to life and there is also a natural side, and both of them must be kept in balance. Jesus took care of the spiritual side of this young girl's life, but then He instructed her parents to tend to the natural side of her life.

God expects us to use common sense with our spirituality. I encourage you to live a balanced life, obeying both spiritual principles and natural laws. Even though Epaphroditus worked for the Lord, he still became ill because he was not taking care of himself. We cannot break God's laws of health and expect to have no adverse consequences. Remember to stay in balance because that will help you keep the devil out of your life.

(Amplified Bible, Everyday Life Bible; Joyce Meyers Ministry; 2005; Scripture, notes, & commentaries; pages 1951-1954)

**Hebrews 2:9-10 (KJV)**

<sup>9</sup> But we see Jesus, who was made a little lower than the angels for the suffering of death, crowned with glory and honour; that he by the grace of God should taste death for every man.

<sup>10</sup> For it became him, for whom *are* all things, and by whom *are* all things, in bringing many sons unto glory, to make the captain of their salvation perfect through sufferings.

**I Peter 1:11 (KJV)**

<sup>11</sup> Searching what, or what manner of time the Spirit of Christ which was in them did signify, when it testified beforehand the sufferings of Christ, and the glory that should follow.

**Psa 119:105**

**Thy word [is] a lamp unto my feet, and a light unto my path.**



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